GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN COAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Government so far from private companies for exploitation of coal in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications cleared/pending so far, State- wise;

(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to clear the same and streamline the coal sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (d): Coal mining blocks have been identified by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.,with the approval of their respective Boards, for allocation to public/private sector companies for manufacture of iron and steel, generation of power and production of cement on captive basis at present. Applications received for allocation of blocks from various parties are considered by the Screening Committee headed by the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Coal. The first meeting of the Screening Committee had taken place in July, 1993 and the last meeting of the Committee has taken place in May, 2001. As on 10.7.01, 27 coal mining blocks stand allotted to various public/private sector companies for aforementioned captive uses as per the details given in the Annexure.

The applications received from various parties for allocation of coal mining blocks for specified end uses after the last meeting of the Screening Committee held on 31.5.01,which meet the procedural requirements, will be considered b y the Screening Committee when it meets next.

Annexure

Details of captive mining blocks which stand allotted as on 10.7.2001

Sl No.	Name of the party	Block allocated	States	End Use